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Subject: Deaths from nosocomial covid infections

## REQUEST

This request relates to the framework for reviewing deaths from COVID-19 nosocomial infection, which was developed by the North West Structured Judgement Review (SJR) Task and Finish Group.

It is similar to a request I made in September 2021 (see attached), but I am now asking for different information, as well as updated information.

Please can you provide the following information under FOI laws, relating to the period from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

1. The total number of patient deaths where investigations have established the death was caused or contributed to by a nosocomial covid infection.
2. The total number of patient deaths where investigations have established the death was possibly/probably caused or contributed to by a nosocomial covid infection.
3. The total number of 'duty of candour' letters which have been sent to families, in relation to the above deaths.

## RESPONSE

The information that you have requested is intended for a future publication and therefore exempt under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Section 22(1) states that "Information is exempt information if —

(a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not)"

Sec 22 is a qualified exemption which means the Trust must consider when applying this exemption whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption is greater than the public interest in disclosing the requested information.

The Trust considers that the Public Interest is on this occasion not in favour of disclosure, this is because the information that you have requested is part of an ongoing review and not yet confirmed.